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MESSAGE:

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF:

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This is in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2003, in the above matter.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Zhao. Withdrawal of the rejection is submitted to be in order in view of the Declaration Under Rule 131 submitted April 16, 2003 (copy attached). Reconsideration is requested.

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